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In the outstanding office action, claims 1-14 were presented for examination. Claim 8 was objected to and claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 1-7, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,709,966 issued to Swada et al. Claims 1, 7, 8, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,346,151 issued to Uba et al. and claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,532,194 issued to Liautaud et al. Claims 2-6 and 12-14 were rejected variously under 35 U.S.C. §103 in view of Swada et al. and Uba et al.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13 and 14 have been cancelled thereby rendering any rejections with regard to the same as being moot.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 9 and 12, as amended, are allowable over Swada et al., Uba et al. and Liautaud et al. as the same fail to teach or disclose all of the limitations of claims 1, 9 and 12.

New claims 15-22 have been added to claim particular aspects of the present invention.

In addition, applicant has amended relevant portions of the specification on page 9 to correct minor typographical errors. No new subject matter has been added.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, she is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.